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SUMMARY: INDONESIAN AMBASSADORS FROM SEVERAL SOUTHEAST
ASIAN COUNTRIES, TOGETHER WITH THE INDONESIAN ICCS
REPRESENTATIVE, MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ADAM MALIK
IN BANGKOK DECEMBER 1 AND 2 FOR A REVIEW OF THE CUR-
RENT SITUATION. THE MEETING WAS SIMILAR TO THE ONE
HELD IN LATE JULY (REFTEL). THEY CONCLUDED THAT AL-
THOUGH NORTH VIETNAM HAS NOT ABANDONED ITS WISH TO
REUNITE ALL OF VIETNAM, IT WISHES TO PURSUE ECONOMIC
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RECONSTRUCTION. THEY BELIEVED A NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFENSIVE

IS UNLIKELY THIS DRY SEASON. INDONESIAN/NORTH VIETNAMESE RELATIONS ARE NOT PARTICULARLY CORDIAL JUST NOW. THEY PERCEIVED NO CHANGE IN THE ENMITY BETWEEN NORTH VIETNAM AND THAILAND. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO AN INDONESIAN EMBASSY OFFICER HERE, NORTH VIETNAM'S TWO MAIN GOALS REMAIN THE REUNIFICATION OF VIETNAM AND THE PURSUIT OF ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION. THE INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR IN HANOI APPARENTLY DID NOT GO ON RECORD AS TO WHAT HE BELIEVED TO BE THE PRIORITY BETWEEN THESE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE GOALS.

2. THE INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR IN HANOI ALSO REPORTED THAT HE BELIEVED THAT NORTH VIETNAM WOULD NOT LAUNCH AN OFFENSIVE TO TAKE OVER SOUTH VIETNAM BECAUSE (1) NORTH VIETNAM BELIEVES THAT SOUTH VIETNAM IS TOO STRONG AND COULD RESIST SUCH AN OFFENSIVE, AND (2) WORLD OPINION WOULD TURN AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM FOR BEING AN AGGRESSOR (SIC). THE AMBASSADOR DID NOT REVEAL WHETHER THESE WERE HIS PERSONAL VIEWS OR SOMETHING HE HAD GLEANED FROM THE NORTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT.

3. THE INDONESIAN CONFEREES CONCLUDED THAT THE US STILL HAS A MAJOR ROLE TO PLAY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, BOTH IN TERMS OF ITS AID TO THE COUNTRIES OF THIS REGION AND IN TERMS OF ITS ABILITY TO PLACE PRESSURE ON THE USSR TO DESIST FROM AIDING NORTH VIETNAM MILITARILY. THE CONFEREES NOTED THAT EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES APPEAR MUCH MORE INTERESTED IN GIVING ECONOMIC THAN MILITARY AID TO NORTH VIETNAM. THE USSR, HOWEVER, CONTINUES TO SUPPORT NORTH VIETNAM MILITARILY, IN PART FOR SINO/SOVIET REASONS.

4. NORTH VIETNAM/INDONESIAN RELATIONS: THE AMBASSADOR FROM HANOI REPORTED THAT INDONESIAN/NORTH VIETNAMESE RELATIONS REMAIN SOMEWHAT COOL BECAUSE OF INDONESIA'S ATTEMPT TO BE NEUTRAL IN THE DISPUTE AND ALSO BECAUSE OF ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE ICCS.

5. NORTH VIETNAMESE/THAI RELATIONS: THE CONFEREES CONCLUDED THAT THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE ENMITY BETWEEN
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HANOI AND BANGKOK WHICH IS GROUNDED IN NORTH VIETNAM'S HOSTILITY TO THE US PRESENCE, ITS AWARENESS OF THAILAND'S HOSTILITY TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN GENERAL, AND ITS DISPLEASURE AT THAILAND'S ALLEGED MISTREATMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN NORTHEAST THAILAND.
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